



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### AFTER-SCHOOL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Quality after-school programs provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences to help children develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills outside of the classroom; and
- WHEREAS: More than 280,000 children participate in after-school programs in Georgia, and the state financially supports over 500 youth development programs; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia encourages the utilization of quality after-school programs that facilitate academic achievement, guide young people to make healthy choices, and help them develop the character and leadership skills necessary to realize their full potential; and
- WHEREAS: After-school programs build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people; and
- WHEREAS: Many children have parents who work outside of the home, and it is imperative that these young citizens have access to safe, productive environments in the hours after school and before their parents or guardians return home from work, as well as during the summer months; and
- WHEREAS: The Boys & Girls Clubs Georgia Alliance offers after-school programs that are tested, proven, and nationally recognized as aligning with the developmental needs of young people. The organization is committed to enabling all children to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Recognizing the positive impacts of after-school programs in our communities will help to facilitate the growth and success of Georgia's youth in the years to come; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 20-26, 2018, as AFTER-SCHOOL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF